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Pennsauken High School Performs "Pippin"

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken High School invites the local community to their performances of "Pippin," held March 15-18. The musical, which originally ran on Broadway in 1972 and enjoyed a revival in 2013, offers the audience the fictional tale of the young prince, Pippin, as told by a costumed performance troupe.

In addition to the play's unique presentation of the story, "Pippin" is filled with amazing music and energetic dance performances.

"It's an awesome story that's relevant to teenagers," explains Kate Brown, vocal music director at Pennsauken High School. "Like the main character, they're trying to find out who they want to be."

David Charris, who played the male lead in last year's performance of "The Wedding Singer," takes on the role of Pippin in this year's musical.

"The role describes me as an individual," says Charris. "Pippin has this attitude of, 'If I don't find out what I can do in life, I'll go crazy.' I want to find my place in life. I think everyone does."

Charris is joined on stage this year with three dozen of his classmates; more than half of the students are new faces to the Pennsauken performing arts scene.

"We have a great group of freshmen in this year's play; we also have some kids that were in stage crew last year making the move to the front of the stage. Even some members of our band got parts,"

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Pennsauken's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Held On March 24

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Grab your baskets and your camera: Pennsauken Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner.

This year's event, sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and Kiddie Junction, will take place Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m., at the Walt Nicgorski Sports Complex, located at Powell and Collins avenues. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to children up to age 9.

"This is a great annual event that Pennsauken families look forward to every year," says Elwood Martz, head of the Township's Parks and Recreation Department. "We strongly encourage families to arrive early to make sure they get their picture taken with everyone's

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School District Bond Referendum Comes To A Vote March 13



On Saturday, Feb. 10, a special dinner and referendum meeting was held at The Pub in Pennsauken. The event honored Mr. Dennis Armento, a Pennsauken High School teacher who passed away in 2016.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On the 13th day of March, Pennsauken residents will have a say in the future of the Township's public schools.

The Pennsauken School District is asking residents to consider a bond referendum that will make significant improvements to every public school throughout the Township, allocating almost \$36 million for various initiatives, while actually reducing school taxes for Pennsauken households.

"The goal of the referendum is to simply increase the education opportunities offered both academically and vocationally to the students throughout Pennsauken

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By Jack Killion,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

I don't think that there was anyone who wasn't affected by the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. These acts of violence are occurring far too often. One life lost is too many. Seventeen should be unimaginable, but it isn't anymore.

On that day last month, no one dropped their children off to school expecting to never see them again. Teachers didn't go into their classrooms that day thinking it would be the last thing they ever did. But sadly, that's what happened. Feeling safe and actually being safe are two different things.

That's why it's so important that we all take steps to actively prevent violence in

our community. The Pennsauken School District is taking steps to install security vestibules in every public school. This is extremely important to the safety of our children and school staff. Our police, fire department, and EMS work closely with our community's schools to maintain safety. They drill throughout the year to prepare for situations like the worst case scenario of an active shooter.

For the past several years, our Municipality has put together a safety committee that meets on a regular basis. The committee includes all facets of Township operations, including our first responders, the Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management, and even our insurance carriers. The preparations we make during these meetings will enable our Township to quickly and effectively respond to any

natural or man-made emergency.

We all have to do our part to make sure that Pennsauken is as safe as possible. While we do our best to deter crime, it still does happen in our community. Cars are stolen; homes are broken into; drugs come into our neighborhoods. Our police do an amazing job protecting us day in and day out, but more needs to be done on our end. Community involvement is a highly effective tool for law enforcement; we need that to happen more.

We as a community can't get complacent. Even though we may feel safe, we won't stay that way unless we get involved. That is why it is so important that our neighbors and business owners keep an eye out for suspicious activity. "If you see something, say something." If you're concerned about reporting criminal activity, you do not have to leave your name when

you call police. There's even an anonymous tip form on the Township's website that allows residents to send in crime tips directly to detectives. Doing nothing is no longer an option for any of us.

Thoughts and prayers for victims are still needed. It's important to show that we care. But it's even more crucial to

take active steps to make our community as safe as we can make it. One tragedy is one too many. We all have to work together so that our students, our teachers and school staff, our residents, and our businesses are safe; not with a feeling of security, but with active steps to keep everyone safe.

Town Hall Meeting Held On March 12

The Camden County Board of Freeholders, along with Congressman Norcross' office and state legislators, are hosting a town hall meeting on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 North Park Drive, Pennsauken.

This meeting includes a Q&A session, providing residents the ability to ask questions and get answers straight from a rep-

resentative of the governing body and for elected officials to hear directly from their constituents. Following the Town Hall meeting, approximately at 7:30 p.m., there will be a services fair, featuring representatives from numerous county departments. Light refreshments will be served.

Residents are encouraged to pre-register at <http://bit.ly/2sSYlia> and submit questions for the event.

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WAGSWORLD Battling The Bug, Dealing With Court, And Talking Typos

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

My head hurts. If I blow my nose one more time, I just know my eyes will pop out. TV is terrible, until a Western I haven't ever seen comes on. Then I fall asleep until the last five minutes of the show. It has been weeks now! I want to gather up all the clothes I wore in the past few weeks and burn them in a bonfire. Yesterday I had come to the bitter end. I turned on the oven and lay down on the kitchen floor. A mouse ran by, and asked if I knew any Dylan songs. A cat stood beside him, playing a fretless bass. I was dripping sweat, lying in a puddle. The electric stove wasn't helping. I tried to call in an air strike on my own position, 'til I realized the radio was actually the TV remote. As I was crawling into the dining room, where the rug is much

softer than the kitchen floor, the house phone rang. It was my editor, Frank Sinatra, wanting to know where my column was. I think I gave him a few suggestions. Perhaps I even called an air strike on him. I don't recall.

In the middle of all this agony, I went out to my truck this weekend, and found a ticket on my windshield. The bride has told me time and again that registrations can be done over the internet. She tells me it is easy. But then she doesn't do it. My inspection is impeccable. Good for two more years. My insurance is top shelf, paid in advance. So tomorrow morning, I must chug up to Township court, bringing proof of registration, insurance, driver's license, and pay my debt to society, plus court costs.

Why, you might ask, am I smiling for the first time in two weeks? Because my sweaty, snotty, coughing, aching all over

body is going to shake hands with everyone in court. Cops, clerks, judges, prosecutors, all get handshakes. Maybe even hugs. When I'm done, I shall drive slowly home, with the windows down, enjoying the cool breezes across my brow.

In a slightly more lucid moment, I was reading the Courier-Post obits, my morning exercise, when I found a typo. Typos happen with great frequency today, due to the fact that almost everyone there is either fired or retired, except the obit lady, the legal ad people, and some old columnist named Jim. I think I am funnier than Jim, but he does manage to get paid. This typo was so horrid, I called the editor to complain. Low and behold, he called me back. Since I don't want to cause the family any more grief, I will paraphrase the mistake. He was "the beloved husband of the diseased..." The editor admitted it was a terrible mistake, but not their fault.

All responsibility for obituary content has been handed over to the undertakers. Any mistakes are no longer the responsibility of the newspaper. I asked the editor how this came to be, and he told me, "That's the way it is. It's their paper, and they can do it if they want to." TA DA!

Somehow, this smacks of a rule made up by a bunch of men in suits, maybe just graduated from middle school, sitting around in a meeting. And yet, in its simplicity, it is so very effective. As soon as I can find a way to adopt this strategy, I will pass the blame onto others here at Casa de Wagner. The bride will no longer be able to blame me for any little peccadillo her heart desires. I will ponder this rule change tomorrow, as I sit in court.

PENNSAUKEN MARCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday,
March 7, 21 and 28

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday,
March 7 and 21

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday,
March 6 and 27

Meetings are open to the public
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will bring together homeowners and many of the most knowledgeable and experience remodeling and building professionals in the business all under one roof. Experts will be showcasing everything for inside and outside the home, including the latest in flooring, sunrooms and additions, basement finishing, waterproofing, home security, roofing, custom kitchens, energy efficient windows, and exterior products; as well as the newest ideas pertaining to decking and landscaping designs. With hundreds of products and services represented for one weekend only, consumers are sure to find something to suit their needs. It's a great opportunity for

one-stop shopping to compare prices, savings and quality.

The How-To Home Improvement Show & Sale offers free admission, free parking, hot and cold food menu, free shopping bags, giveaways and more. The How-To Home Improvement Show & Sale is being sponsored by Home Improvement Guides, Sunbelt Rentals, and All Around Pennsauken.

So tell your friends, come inside out of the cold, and take a look at what is new for 2018!

The Regal Banquet Center is located at 1444 Palmyra Bridge Road (Rt. 73), Pennsauken, NJ 08110. For more information, visit AlwaysPositiveGroup.com



Later this month, the How-To Home Improvement Show & Sale comes to the Regal Banquet Center in Pennsauken.

DRPA To Host Informational Meeting On Betsy Ross Bridge Enhancements

Project expected to run from March 2018 to November of 2019

The Delaware River Port Authority will host a community information event on Tuesday, March 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The community event will allow residents of Pennsauken to learn more about planned upgrades and enhancements to the Betsy Ross Bridge.

Scheduled to begin this month, upgrades will include steel and concrete repairs, removal of existing lead-based paint, and application of a new coating system.

During the community event, residents will be able to ask questions about potential lane closures and detours, learn about efforts to minimize noise and disruption during the project, and get additional information about ways in which the project will ensure minimal disruption.

DRPA personnel will be available during the two-hour information session to answer questions and provide information about new techniques to ensure that dust and other byproducts from the bridge rehabilitation project are safely removed without any impact to neighbors and the community.

For more information, please visit the DRPA website at www.drpa.org.



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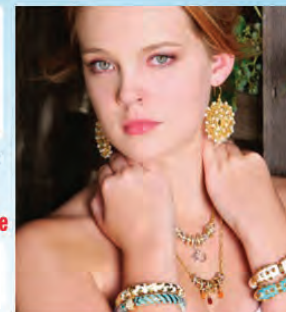
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MARCH CALENDAR

Flea Market

Saint Peter's annual flea market will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church's Pastor's Hall, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville. This fun event features interesting items and lots of food. Vendor spots are just \$20 and include a table. For more information, call Jo at (856) 667-5237.

Irish Nite

Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish is hosting its annual Irish Nite fundraiser on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, 48th St. and Camden Ave., Pennsauken. The event, which is BYOB, features an evening of great food and fun. Irish music provided by Balliná; beer and set-ups are provided. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Tables of 10 or more can be reserved. Proceeds go directly to support the parish's annual expenses. For more information, or to order tickets, call (856) 662-2721.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Free Narcan Training Held At Temple Lutheran Church On March 8

A free information and training session about the life saving antidote Narcan will be held on Thursday, March 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Rt. 130 in Pennsauken.

Made possible by funding received from the New Jersey Department of Health, presented by Urban Treatment

Irish Fest

Saint Peter School PTA and Knights of Columbus Council #6735 are hosting the Irish Fest beef and beer fundraiser on Saturday, March 10, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., at Saint Peter's Pastors' Hall, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville. The cost is \$30 per person, \$50 for couples, and includes food, draft beer, 50/50, door prizes, and more. Purchase tickets online by visiting <https://goo.gl/ka3upy>.

Chili Cook-Off

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St., Pennsauken, is hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. For \$5 per person, attendees can taste contestant submissions and participate in the judging; sorry, no free samples. Chili cooks can sign up through March 3 with no entrance fee. For more information, call (856) 317-9081.

AARP

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, March 12, at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. Fellowship and coffee starts at 12:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 1:00 p.m., followed by an afternoon of bingo. Come bring a friend and enjoy!

PASA

Please join the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) as they work to educate the community about ways to stop abuse of drugs, alcohol, and

tobacco. The organization's next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

Bowling Benefit

The Ree Wyn Foundation is hosting its "Journey To Healing" bowling benefit on March 18, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave., Pennsauken. Featuring bowling, buffet, prizes, and more; proceeds benefit efforts to educate about TTP, a rare blood dis-

order. For information, or to buy tickets, visit ReeWyn.org.

Pilates & Pours

Join Erin Chambers from Real Girl Pilates for Pilates & Pours at Double Nickel Brewing Co. on Saturday, March 24 from 11:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a one-hour pilates class, followed by your choice of one beer afterwards. No experience necessary, class is for all levels. Pre-registration required; participants must be 21 years of age or older. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/356238721509609.

Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Easter Flower Sale from March

28 to April 1 in the lodge parking lot. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more information, call Linda at (609) 923-5435.

Shrimp Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary of AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., Delair, is hosting a shrimp fry on Friday, March 30, from 4:00 p.m. until supplies run out. Shrimp, fries, and cole slaw are just \$6; add a taste of mushrooms for \$1 or a basket of mushrooms for \$3. Eat in or take out is available. Orders can be placed in advance during the event by calling (856) 663-8950. Walk-ins also welcome.

Touch-A-Truck Held On March 11

The Pennsauken School District is hosting a touch-a-truck event on Sunday, March 11 at the Park Avenue Campus, 8201, Park Ave. Held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., this free event offers children from pre-K through eighth grade a hands-on opportunity to explore various vehicles, including dump trucks, fire engines, and more.

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Pennsauken Police To Start Junior Police Academy, Bike Patrol

Starting this July, the Pennsauken Township Police Department will be holding its first-ever Junior Police Academy. The program, open to local seventh and eighth graders interested in law enforcement or public service, will be designed to foster positive traits in young people, strengthen the bond between police and the community, and create a true sense of civic responsibility in our neighborhoods.

"This new summer program will be a quick paced, fun, kid-friendly version of the police academy," explains Captain Thomas Connor, Pennsauken Police Department. "We have officers specially certified in drill and ceremony who will provide a snapshot into aspects of law enforcement, stress the importance of physical fitness, and share important les-

sons about cyber-bullying, drug and alcohol prevention, and more."

Currently, the police are working with Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken School District to put the final touches on the Junior Police Academy. The police are also looking to local businesses to help with sponsorships.

More information about the Junior Police Academy will be provided closer to the summer.

Bike Patrol To Return This Year

After a long hiatus, Pennsauken Township Police are restarting its Bike Patrol Unit. Currently, eight officers have been chosen to participate in this unit.

Bike patrols can serve a variety of purposes in community-based law enforcement. Often times, officers on bicycles can go where patrol cars cannot. In

addition, statistics have shown that bike patrols have increased interaction with the public, help to strengthen community-police relations, and can be inte-

grated into other operations and initiatives, such as surveillance, traffic enforcement, and more.

Updates about the re-launch of the

Pennsauken Police Bike Patrol will be made available on the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, in the coming weeks.



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Mayors Killion, Brennan To Speak At Next PMAC Meeting

Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan will be the guest speakers at the networking luncheon of the Penn-

sauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday, March 14 at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on

March 14, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com

by Monday, March 12.

Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion and Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan will be the guest speakers at the PMAC networking luncheon on March 14.



Collex Collision Experts Celebrate Twenty Years In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For Leo Bashir, owner of Collex Collision Experts on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken, time has gone by pretty fast. Twenty years ago last month, Bashir made the move to Pennsauken to start his own business.

"This is a nice location," says Bashir, who has been in the auto repair business for 45 years. "Things worked out pretty good for me."

The family owned business – Leo works alongside his wife, Jomy, who helps out in the office part time – has a hands-on approach that has struck a chord with customers.

"I know the business pretty well; It's what I eat and breathe," explains Bashir, who primarily works with customers one-on-one in the front office. "I'm the owner and I stand behind the work. I do quality control. I think customers appreciate the end product."

Bashir also appreciates all the support from his customers and looks forward to providing quality service for years to come.

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SENIORCORNER Simple Tips To Help Prevent Injuries From Falling

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.
Falls are a leading cause of injuries,

hospitalizations and deaths among the elderly. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a senior in the United States falls every second of the day. People 75 and older who

fall are four to five times more likely to be admitted to a long-term care facility for a year or longer. And fall-related medical expenses cost Americans around \$31 billion annually.

The notion of falling is scary, but it can be avoided. It's true what they say, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." There are some simple steps that seniors can take to help dramatically reduce the risk of falling.

First off, talk to your doctor. Let him or her know if you feel unsteady on your feet or if you are afraid that you're likely to fall. Have them go over your medications to identify if what you're taking could increase your risk of having a fall.

Get your vision checked. At our age, our eyesight isn't what it used to be; but poor vision that isn't corrected with glasses that have a proper prescription can lead to you not judging the proper distance or making a serious misstep, which can result in a fall.

Staying active is important too. Muscle weakness and lack of activity plays a large role in falls among seniors. Having

a healthy diet can go a long way to having strong muscles and bones. Simple exercises can work your leg muscles and improve balance. This is something your doctor can help you with.

You can also fall proof your house. Avoid area rugs or make sure there are pads underneath them to grip the floor and prevent slipping. Install non slip stair treads on your steps. Check that your railings and banisters are secure. And move the items that you use on a regular basis to the first floor to limit going up and down stairs throughout the day.

And finally, don't fool yourself. If you don't feel well, take it easy for a day or two. If you're feeling dizzy or unsure on your feet a lot more often than not, be sure to see your doctor as soon as possible.

Best wishes for a healthy start to your spring. Be sure to say a prayer for those serving in our Armed Forces.

Tax Help Available At Pennsauken Library

The Pennsauken Free Public Library is once again hosting AARP Tax Help sessions. This free service is held in the Library's Community Room and will be offered Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., through April 12.

Residents taking advantage of this service need to bring last year's completed return with them. In addition, residents will need to bring a photo ID, their social security card, and the social security information of any dependents.

Residents can set up an appointment

by calling (856) 477-3342 and leaving your name, phone number, and best time to be contacted. Someone will call back to set up an appointment; these individuals are not tax preparers and cannot answer tax questions. Please note that you CANNOT call the Library to schedule a time to have your taxes done. If you do not set up an appointment via phone, tax preparation is done on a first come, first served basis, with preference given to seniors.



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GRAYMATTERS

By Judith Kristen, AAP
Columnist

This month, I depart from my usual off the wall column and dive straight into the deep end of the pool.

While you are reading these 733 words of mine, my fellow columnist and dear friend, Bob Wagner, is aging faster than bad Camembert. Wags is turning 70!

I am relishing in the fact, albeit short-lived, as I also turn 70 on April 3. But while this opportunity still presents itself, I plan on enjoying this in my own twisted way.

Bob should enjoy this "roast" of sorts, as he can dish it out as good as he can take it. That said, maybe I shouldn't call it a "roast." Those of us who know Wags well could only call it a "ham."

Robert Wagner, Pennsauken native, lived through his childhood years in the late 1940s and 1950s... all the way up to the present moment, in fact. But Bob's favorite decade was the Sixties. It was the first full decade of rock and roll; he got his driver's license; he served his country proudly; and made many friends who laughed at his jokes, and hung on every word of his fun and entertaining conversations.

Bob still entertains those old pals with 70-year-old knee joints that are more accurate than the national weather service and singing along with elevator music.



Happy 70th Birthday Bob Wagner!

But maybe best of all about those old friends, is that his secrets are safe with us because we can't remember them either.

So what if you have a hard time locating the keys in your pocket and finding your cell phone when it rings? You can still find the snooze button from four feet away with your eyes closed.

And so what if an oxygen mask drops from the ceiling when your birthday candles are lit? You're only 70! You've still got a few good years left to buy green bananas!

As anyone who knows, our Robert is a grand story-teller. I remember Bobby telling me when he was young, that he wasn't much of a ladies' man; and by the

end of his teens, he was so used to not making it to second base, that his first words to a new girlfriend's parents were: "Hi, I usually don't make it this far."

That said, Wags eventually married the woman of his dreams. Suzie is a lovely woman with a great sense of humor – and she needs one.

All kidding aside, Bob is and has always been a good husband, father and chef! There were actually times he would cook a huge dinner for his entire family, but the fire trucks and sprinkler systems kept ruining it.

And as we all know, over the course of time, Bob not only became a beloved columnist, but the author of two popular books as well. There have also been songs, poems, and even slogans he's created... like this one:

Smoking will kill you. Bacon will kill you. But, smoking bacon will cure it.

That said, Bob still smokes and eats bacon.

And since his retirement a few years back, he also goes on many a walk these days, because his doctor told him it's a great way to stay healthy. And so Bob does... taking along a box of Twinkies, because let's be honest here.

And last but not least, when the man of the smiling Irish eyes read about the evils of drinking, he gave up reading. No quitter is our Robert!

Friends, as I end this column with my not 70-year-old fingertips, I want to say this: Bob, you're still a cool dude, a wonderful friend, a great dad, a fabulous granddad, and dear and loving hubby. You're still that fun kid who was dearly loved by all; still that adventurous teenager; and the brave and steadfast young man who served his country well in Vietnam. And, you're a major credit to Pennsauken. They told me to say that.

And, about that "70" thing... don't sweat it.

Here's the cure for it.

You are not 70... you are 21 in Celsius. Trust me, I'll be using the same line 33 days from now!

Happy 70th Bob!!! From those who love you here in South Jersey, and across the country... all three of them.

Did I mention that McMillan's Bakery called and said this year your candles are costing more than your cake?

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Your friend,
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Polling Places For March 13 Bond Referendum Vote

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

The special school election for the Pennsauken School District's proposed bond referendum will be held on Tuesday, March 13.

Polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Below is a list of polling locations for the upcoming

election; residents will vote in the same places they would for a general election.

Should residents have any questions regarding polling places, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 ext. 122 or 124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
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Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Lutheran Senior Residence	5610 Rt. #130	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
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Welsh Heritage Day At Griffith Morgan House On March 4



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and
Amateur Historian

The Welsh heritage of the Morgan family that built and occupied historic Griffith Morgan House, among the earliest colonial homesteads in the area, provides the theme of the first public event of the year at Pennsauken's historic homes. On Sunday, March 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., music, cookery, culture and history of Wales will fill the old Morgan house with song and poetry, dragons and castles, bards and pirates, myth and history!

Did you know that the traditional instrument of Welsh music is the harp? That cheese features in much of the simple, farmhouse fare of traditional Welsh cuisine, along with a soup or stew known as cawl and hearthstone baked Welsh cakes? Did you know that a number of the notable captains of the golden age of piracy were Welsh? All these features of Welsh culture and history will be demonstrated at Welsh Heritage Day,

along with many others!

Learn more of the lore and history of this fascinating, tiny nation. Have a taste of traditional Welsh foods. Discover the range of Welsh music. Learn a phrase or two of Cymric, the ancient Welsh language. Let the kids make a Welsh-

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Learning Spanish Through Writing To Pen Pals

By Ms. Katiria Ortiz

In our Spanish classrooms, students and I have been very excited with our new Pen Pal project. Fourth graders from Franklin, Fine, Roosevelt and Longfellow schools have pen pal “amigos.” Students can ask and respond to different Spanish phrases and questions learned in class. We have taking our learning to the next level!

Postcards were created and sent out to their pen pal partners. Students not only read the postcards in Spanish, but

are also able to answer a set of questions in the target language.

Our goal with this project was to use the language outside the classroom setting, and the outcome was phenomenal! We are looking forward to pen pal writing with our other community schools: Burling, Carson, and Delair. We can't wait to share the news with all of our Pennsauken family; and fourth grade students, keep up the good work!

¡Buen trabajo!



Fourth graders from Franklin, Fine, Roosevelt, and Longfellow schools are learning Spanish by writing postcards to each other.

Guest Speakers Needed For Career Day On March 15

Guest speakers are needed for the upcoming Career Day, held at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., on Thursday, March 15 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Professionals are needed from a variety of industries and trades to talk with students about their careers.

For individuals interested in volunteering, contact Florentina Crawford at fcrawford@pennsauken.net or call the school at (856) 662-8511, x4512. Guest speakers are asked to R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 9.

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd2., M.S., M.B.S., Ed.D., Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools

As we approach March 13 and this historic vote in Pennsauken, I would like to take this opportunity to give you one final look at our bond referendum that has the potential to make Pennsauken Public Schools a model district of New Jersey. These necessary changes will benefit our students' education along with positively impacting property values in Pennsauken. This is close to \$36 million in changes that has a negative

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tax impact for township residents.

The changes will enhance the educational goals of Pennsauken Public Schools with the intention of completely educating every student. These new opportunities offer individualized instruction in order for all students to achieve their goals. In my opinion, students must enjoy learning and this referendum will allow us to create additional programs of interest for all students.

Our students come first and we are working to ensure that they have the best opportunities academically, vocationally, and athletically. The referendum

catalyzes improvement of ALL schools. The plan includes:

- Early education expansion with a free full day pre-kindergarten
- Secure vestibule renovations at ALL schools
- New windows and doors at Carson and Franklin Elementary Schools
- Adaptive reuse of the Longfellow Elementary School site for a cutting edge community playground and park
- New earth, physical, and biological science laboratories at Phifer Middle School
- Conversion of Roosevelt School to a

new magnet high school with a focus on accelerated math and science curriculum

- Improvements to the stadium, including eight-lane track, all-purpose turf field, new concession stand, and LIGHTS for Friday night games
- Complete auditorium renovations at Pennsauken High School and Phifer Middle School
- Conversion of the high school's library to a new media center at the high school

To learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, be sure to look at the special flyer included with mailed copies

of this month's edition of All Around Pennsauken and visit GrowingPennsaukenSchools.com.

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," taking place this month on Monday, March 12, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. before the school board meeting at the main office area of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. This is a time where concerned parents or Pennsauken residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Celebrating Read Across America At Longfellow

Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across our country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together children, teens, and books. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of Read Across America!

Motivating children to read is an important aspect in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading perform better in school.

At Longfellow, third grade students are getting ready for this reading celebration. On March 2, the school will have volunteers reading from the Woman's Club of Merchantville. From March 5 to 9, mystery readers will visit the classrooms. These "mystery" readers will be parents, staff, or other friends in the com-



Third grade readers in Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Nowitzke's classes.

munity. Clues are given throughout the day and students guess who is coming. When they arrive, the students are so excited to meet the reader, and welcome them by getting to know them a little

better. And we all appreciate people taking time to share a love of reading.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child." – Dr. Seuss

Calling All Longfellow Alumni

Did you attend H.W. Longfellow Elementary School as a child? If so, the Longfellow Yearbook Committee invites you back for one last picture before we say good-bye. As many of you know, the building is set to close at the end of this school year. For almost 100 years, Longfellow has been a pillar of this community and an exceptional educational institution for thousands of individuals who live in the Delaware Gardens area of Pennsauken.

To honor and celebrate the past, present, and future of Pennsauken schools, we would like to include a photo in our final yearbook with all the people who made Longfellow such a special place! We cannot do that without you! Spread the word and meet us in front of Longfellow Elementary School on Friday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Anyone who ever attended Longfellow is welcome to come!



Alumni of Longfellow Elementary School are invited to be part of a group photo on Friday, March 23.

Roosevelt Students Learn Important Lessons Through Music

Music education for children at Roosevelt Elementary School is strong in literacy and performance opportunities. Fourth grade musicians have just completed their winter concert. Singers made connections to others through words and melodies; and instrumentalists played original compositions and arrangements by their director, Mr. Millstein.

These same students are already preparing for their upcoming spring concert, learning that music is a continuous endeavor and a constant source of enjoyment. In April, choristers from Roosevelt will join students from around the district at Pennsauken High School for the second annual Chorus Festival, an all day event for learning new music, forging new friendships, and demonstrating that the value of their own voices are amplified when added together.

These musicians will also have the opportunity to attend a performance of the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel

Center next month. This event is interactive for students, engaging their listening, singing, and playing. We know they will enjoy their time with the orchestra and will no doubt apply this enthusiasm to their own practicing, rehearsing, and performing.

All the students at Roosevelt Elementary School continue weekly music lessons, learning new melodies, language, and worldly connections across continents and culture. The desired outcome is for each child to obtain a lifelong musicianship, gaining skills and techniques, musical knowledge, and most importantly, a love for music.

To learn more about how music is promoted a life of learning that fosters both social and emotional growth, as well as academic success, read some of the posted articles and papers found on Mr. Kauffman's school website article page: www.pennsauken.net/Page/7347

PHS Teachers Recognized By Freedoms Foundation At Valley Forge

Lynda Shanahan and Carolyn Schultz, special needs teachers at Pennsauken High School, were recently recognized by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, a nonpartisan educational institution that teaches about American rights and responsibilities, honors acts of civic virtue, and challenges all to get involved.

Shanahan and Schultz received the organization's National Awards – George Washington Honor Medal for creating the Life Skills Program to promote citizenship, patriotism and civic re-

sponsibility among students through volunteerism, service learning and community service.

"The Life Skills Program exemplifies the essence of the National Awards: promotion of an understanding and appreciation for our country's rich heritage, principles, and rich freedoms," says Wally Nunn, national board chairman of the Freedoms Foundation.

The two Pennsauken High School teachers received the award during the Freedoms Foundation's annual gala on Feb. 17.



The March 13 Bond Referendum: A Community Perspective

On March 13, residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Pennsauken School District's bond referendum that will make substantial improvements to every public school throughout the Township. There are many different sections of the referendum that will drive student achievement, safety, and

success, as well as greatly improve the student experience in the District. It is important to highlight the positive aspects of the bond referendum to engage the community in moving Pennsauken Public Schools in the right direction. The following are quotes from Pennsauken residents offering their views on the upcoming bond referendum:

"It is a win-win for the whole community. For someone who has been here going on 48 years, I am excited about this opportunity to take us to the next level." – Rick Taylor, Pennsauken Township Committee

"Being an educator my entire life in Philadelphia, our children's education and development should be everyone's top investment. The bond referendum secures this investment for the foreseeable future and ensures that Pennsauken students have the best opportunities." – Nicholas Perry, Pennsauken Resident

"As a member of the community and a teacher in Pennsauken, I think the security vestibules are a great opportunity for our district. The students and staff will feel safe and secure, which is the way we should feel within our school buildings." – Ashley Jost, Pennsauken School Teacher

"As a longtime resident of Pennsauken, I have witnessed the decades of decline of our school system, outmoded facilities, and limited academic options.

With this new bond referendum, I am so excited to see an across the board improvement plan that can be implemented for our school district that doesn't add any tax burden on Pennsauken residents." – JoAnn Young, Pennsauken Resident

"As a 17-year resident of Pennsauken Township, I am very excited about the new bond referendum that is proposed to our residents of Pennsauken. We are finally getting a high tech magnet high school for our sons and daughters. I attended a magnet high school in Philadelphia in the early 90s. The magnet high school really prepared me for higher education in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics." – Angelique N., Pennsauken Resident

"From a fire safety and emergency response perspective, the much needed exterior and interior construction projects, enhancement to electrical and safety systems, and addressing construction and life safety code requirements will contribute to the safety and welfare of all Pennsauken students." – Joseph V. Palumbo, Fire Chief of Pennsauken Fire Department

"There is great vision and forward movement happening within the Pennsauken School District. This referendum will advance scholastic, technical, athletic, and cultural opportunities for our students and the community." –

Diane Johnson, Pennsauken Library Board of Trustees

"As a parent with kids currently in the district, there is great importance in adding security vestibules, offering our residents full day pre-k, and making the athletic complex improvements at the flagship high school. Voting 'yes' on the March 13 bond referendum will make this possible, along with many other construction improvements at every school in the district." – Maria James, Pennsauken Resident

"Starting a family is not an easy undertaking. Having a full day pre-k, allowing our children to get a head start in school, while parents and guardians provide for their growing families, is essential to the enhancement of Pennsauken School District." – Mike Bortnowski, Pennsauken Resident

"The interior and exterior renovations that will be done on all schools as a result of the bond referendum passing would give the school district the infrastructure improvements it needs. It is long overdue." – John Coffey, Chief of Police Pennsauken

"I am a retired resident of Pennsauken. The changes being made through this bond referendum will offer our students wonderful opportunities to learn, grow, and find their place in life. There will be competitive improvements made at all 11 schools in Pennsauken, while lowering our taxes. Improve our town by improving the school district and vote 'yes' on March 13. It's a no brainer." – Ginny Schillig, Pennsauken Resident

"Athletics and academics, when offered to a student, can really enhance the overall development and discipline of a child. As a coach, improving our athletic facilities to a state of the art destination for competition really will bring student pride back to Pennsauken. The bond referendum will provide the upgrades to make Pennsauken High School a top destination to play sports and generate revenue." – Mike Hurley, Pennsauken Resident

"I am a resident of Pennsauken for 20 years. The proposed bond referendum creates a safe and dependable school district and will also increase our property values and keep small businesses thriving. With full day pre-k free to Pennsauken residents, our students will experience activities with cognitive and social development before entering elementary school, which helps instill a love of learning at an early age." – Patricia Eubanks, Pennsauken Resident



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PHS Students Tour Rowan University

In January, students from Pennsauken High School traveled to Rowan University, Glassboro, N.J. They learned about the Educational Opportunity Fund program, toured the campus, and ended their day with a buffet lunch. Our students represented Pennsauken High School well; we are proud and wish them luck in all of their future endeavors!



Fine Recognizes Students Of The Month



Congratulations to our January Fine School Students of the Month. These students are to be celebrated for their hard work and for making great improvements. Way to go!

Carson School Roots Eagles On To Victory



Mrs. Field's first grade class at Carson was so excited about the Eagles going to the Super Bowl. They have been learning about the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship all year long. The students were so excited to see their team play and work together as a team to reach their goals, especially their big win against the Patriots to bring home the Lombardi Trophy!

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Ring In The Year Of The Dog



The Pennsauken community rang in the "Year of the Dog" early during a special Asian New Year celebration at Pennsauken High School. Sponsored by Pennsauken High School and the school's Asian Student Association, attendees enjoyed traditional food, music, and dance.

Franklin Holds Parent Involvement Night And Book Fair

Franklin Elementary students and their families had an evening of fun and learning during the school's annual Parent Involvement Night and Book Fair.

Parents learned about Reflex Math and Razkids, two online programs that help children strengthen their knowledge of mathematics and language arts. Families enjoyed playing fun, educational games together and had a chance to buy entertaining books to help inspire the joy of reading in young minds. Even Clifford the Big Red Dog stopped by!

Learning doesn't begin or end in the classroom; it's an ongoing process each and every day throughout the year. Franklin's staff was encouraged at the level of participation from school families. Working together, we can help children enjoy the educational process and make learning fun!

Baldwin School Holds Eagles Pep Rally



Prior to the Eagles winning the Super Bowl, pre-kindergarten students at Baldwin School held a pep rally for their favorite team! Students made football helmet masks decorated in Eagles green. The kids loved singing the Eagles fight song and dancing to "Who Let the Dogs Out!" We hope you got to check us out on CBS 3 Eyewitness News!

Fine Students Hold Day Of Service To Commemorate Work Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Fine School students gave back to the community during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, Room #327, 800 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the main office area of the high school. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Phifer Students Destined For Greatness



Phifer Middle School recognized students "Destined for Greatness" for the month of January. Congratulations to Daniel Bennett, Stephanie Nguyen, Nicole Garcia, Nicholas Bonilla, Tep Him, Jalen Brown, Kabera Miller, London Burgos, Matthew Wallace, Ngan Nguyen, Eva Capellan, Andrew Nguyen, Carlo Angione, and Brooke Reyes.

"Throwback Thursday" Reading Project At Carson



Miss Samiyah Cooks from Ms. Harding's third grade class read to a kindergarten class for the "Throwback Thursday" reading project. This new and exciting reading program, created by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Harding, is a great way for older students to come back to their kindergarten class to read to the students!

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of "All Around Pennsauken" please contact:

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Fourth Annual Phifer Parent Involvement Night A Big Success

Last month, Howard M. Phifer Middle School held its fourth annual Parent Involvement Night. Phifer volunteer teachers and administrators led our parents and children in a fun-packed evening. In past years, the attendance was quite modest, averaging around 15 to 20 families. This year, Phifer attracted over 50 families to the evening's events.

This year, Phifer teachers Jamie Pizola and Ann Marone altered the format of Parent Involvement Night by showcasing the positive learning that regularly takes place on Park Ave. Parents could circulate through min-presentations of Phifer's finest clubs and fun interactive strategies to get involved with the child's learning at home.

Parents could participate in vocabulary games and online resources, and absorb math/reading tips before being treated to a delicious Montegrillo's dinner. The annual raffle for donated prizes took place with media specialist, Bruce DuBoff on the microphone. Smiles abounded and bellies were happy. Free books were also available for those families who wanted to start or build home libraries.

Parent Involvement Night was started four years ago by a group of volunteers, led by Phifer Principal Tom Honeyman. An educational team was assembled, and donations of materials and gift items were solicited from local businesses. Organizations including The Franklin Institute, Adventure Aquarium, and the Mutter Museum offered free tickets as



Over 50 families attended last month's Parent Involvement Night at Phifer Middle School.

raffle prizes; other kind companies were instrumental in providing the ingredients necessary to offer a full night of food, fun, gifts, and most importantly, education about reading and math tips.

Principal Honeyman and the staff were thrilled to see that attendance at this year's event was significantly higher than previous years; more families were able to access services and resources to increase involvement in their child's academic life. Discussions about the programs and services at Phifer were at the heart of an informative evening for all involved.

Needless to say, a local gift card or a packet of books to take home always makes an event a little more memorable.

Thanks once again to both the parents and families who participated, the teach-

ers and administrators who donated their time and expertise, and to the very generous vendors and sponsors, without whom Parent Involvement Night would not be possible.

Roosevelt Students Enjoy Creating Art

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Do what you can, with you have, where you are." Students at Roosevelt School are doing just that in their art classes!

Art projects are assigned, discussed, modeled and then emulated by students to his or her liking. Students do what they can imagine, using what they have learned and discussed. They use materials that are given to them all while practicing the three "Rs," reduce, reuse, and recycle. The young artists start in the art room and take it elsewhere to practice and create; during free time, during recess, and at home.

Kindergartners through fourth graders are very excited to showcase their art work in this year's upcoming spring art show!



Students at Roosevelt Elementary are creating a wide variety of art for their upcoming show this spring.

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Moving Forward On Abandoned And Vacant Properties



By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

Pennsauken Township has done a lot of work and made a lot of progress with the vacant properties in town. Every municipal department has contributed to the progress made and the program that has become a model for Camden County.

So what's next?

We know that the work on vacant properties must continue to ensure that this part of our program continues to make progress. But when you look deeper and as you drive through town, there are additional opportunities for Pennsauken to grow and prosper.

With the progress made on the vacant properties, it's time to take the next natural step: for the Township to take action on those properties that we own the tax certificate for and move forward to foreclose and take control of them.

There are six properties that we have begun taking steps to foreclose and take control of. Each of these properties has back taxes owed to Pennsauken and the Township owns the tax lien certificate on these buildings. Their owners have been notified of the status of their property and the Township's intent to take control of the property, recoup the debt owed in

back taxes, and recycle the property into productive use.

This is not a short process; like all things, it requires the involvement of many departments in order to ensure all of the legal requirements are met. With that said, we strongly believe that now is the time for Pennsauken Township to move forward and get these properties into the hands of contractors or investors that want to develop the land or recycle the buildings.

We've often talked about the time it takes to get properties turned around. Whether it's vacant, abandoned, ready to be demolished, or an empty lot just waiting to be put to good use, it all takes time. Our first responsibility is to ensure that we have taken every opportunity to do whatever needed to help people keep their properties. However, sometimes it just doesn't work out that way. We then have to shift gears and move forward, for the good of the town, with the legal steps afforded the municipality to get those properties into productive use as resources allow.

From start to finish, this process could take nine months to a year to get these six properties into the hands of a developer and begin to see the plan take shape. But as we move forward and push

through this process, as long as everything is moving smoothly, we can take on the next six, and so on. Soon you'll see more and more activity happening with the goal of making these properties useful and productive.

Imagine this: all vacant properties occupied; all empty lots built on or turned into great places where our families can spend time together; improved schools with programs and curriculums for our kids to flourish and grow. That's what the leadership of the town works towards each and every day.

As a good friend once told me, "you can make anything happen with a little imagination and the right resources." We have a lot of both here in Pennsauken; and we strongly believe that now is the perfect time to begin transforming the empty lots and buildings into productive use for years to come, leaving behind a town that we can all be proud of for our kids and their kids.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding vacant properties by calling (856) 665-1000 x145 or by e-mailing thowarth@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. And of course you can use the website and visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative.

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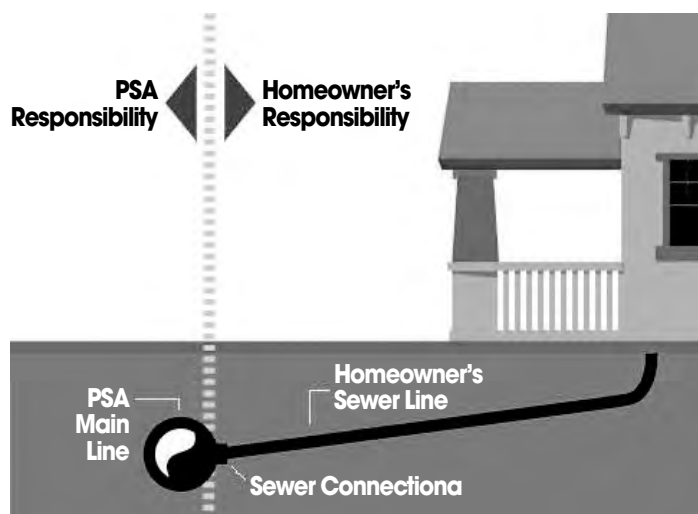
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Pennsauken Celebrates Eagles Super Bowl Win

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

On Sunday, Feb. 4, the City of Philadelphia; its "across the river" family in Jersey; people from the rest of the east coast all the way to the west coast; along with every continent on the planet celebrated Super Bowl LII by watching the

Philadelphia Eagles take it all down to the wire and win it against the New England Patriots, 41 to 33.

It was a long time coming for older die-hard fans; and for younger fans, it was a lifetime of waiting.

As for yours truly, I was 17 years old

in time for the first kick-off in Super Bowl I. When The Eagles took it all to the bank on Super Bowl Sunday, I was two month's short of my 70th. That's a lot of water over and under the bridge.

In the four quarters it took us to win our first ever Super Bowl, I don't think I

sat down once. I just paced in front of the TV like a caged lion eating nachos, honey barbecue wings, and Girl Scout cookies. I have been a rabid fan for 65 years, since I was just about 5 years old. I got the football bug right along with my Dad's love of the game, and there was no looking back. More than a half a century later, I can still honestly say, it was worth the wait! WHAT A GAME!



Pennsauken residents like Mike Bortnowski, seen here with his father, Mike, Sr., are still on cloud nine after the Philadelphia Eagles won Super Bowl LII. "Seeing our team win it all and being able to go to the parade with my father was one of the most special moments of my life," says Bortnowski.

even included us in the after party. Seeing all the players, Mr. Laurie, Mr. Roseman, and Coach Pederson celebrate was incredible. It was filled with love and positive energy."

"It was definitely surreal," says Tillery. "I've loved the Eagles all my life. I'm playing drums and I'm a part of the best organization in the league. It was awesome to be part of the celebration."

The Eagles drumline also took part in the Super Bowl parade, pumping up fans on an extremely special day in Philadelphia sports history.

"I'm never been in front of so many people in my life," says Tillery. "Walking down the steps of the Art Museum, all you could see was just people. Philadelphia loves its team."

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In my personal opinion, I think the Eagles' "underdog" status made the team and the fans even more determined they would win. Those men on the field who were counted down and out by football professionals and Vegas odds makers became more than just a football team, they solidified their friendships, they had each other's back, they were synchronized in ways no other Eagles team had ever been. They had tenacity, guts, and passion! And I knew with all of my heart, that THIS was our time.

My favorite play of the game happened right before halftime, the heart-stopper of a moment that Eagles fans

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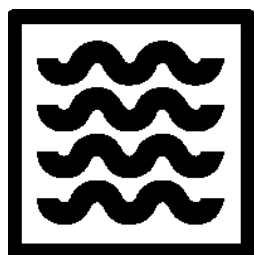
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MPWC WATERLINES

Cold Temperatures And The Challenges They Create

By James Garaguso,
Assistant Superintendent, MPWC

As winter marches on, we here in the northeast, along with most of the United States, have been experiencing some of the coldest temperatures seen in quite some time. Extended periods of extreme cold create some of the problems that the MPWC, as well as all water purveyors in the area, have to deal with.

Sustained subfreezing temperatures cause the ground to contract, which can wreak havoc on buried pipes. The pressures from a deeper than usual frost line result in a larger than typical amount of water main breaks. Examples of winter's might have been seen on the local news almost nightly, with mains breaking all over the area and in some challenging locations, with repair crews doing their best to keep up. The MPWC is no different. As the temperatures

drop, our crews have been diligently working, sometimes around the clock, to maintain water service to our customers throughout our distribution system with as little disruption as possible, all the while dealing with some of the harshest conditions for working outdoors.

From water main breaks and service leaks to frozen services and meters, our team has been handling it all to the best of their ability with great success. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of hard-working and skilled individuals that come together as a team to keep the water flowing to our homes and businesses, not just in winter, but all year long. In my estimation, I believe they are some of the best in the business. And... as spring approaches, the memories of this cruel winter will be just that: memories.



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KEEP INFORMED WITH REVERSE 9-1-1

This winter, the MPWC has been handling a variety of weather-related water main breaks. For members of the community directly affected, we provide messages via our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. To stay informed of all water emergencies that may occur within our service area, visit MPWC.com/swift911 to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1!

Adopt-A-Hydrant



If you've signed up to participate in our Adopt-A-Hydrant project, remember to send us your pictures! If you're clearing your adopted hydrant of snow or other debris, snap a photo so that we can share it on our Facebook page!

If you're interested in learning about the MPWC's Adopt-A-Hydrant program, please visit the MPWC website at www.mppwc.com or e-mail hydrants@mpwc.com.

Individuals can participate by adopting a hydrant nearest to their homes. This is also a great opportunity for scouts, civic groups or individuals looking to earn community service hours.

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

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New Fashion Boutique Invites Customers To Shop “Camellia’s Closet”

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken resident Rhonda Cunningham is about to open a fashion boutique that is the culmination of a lifelong dream, and a desire to instill hope, faith, and positivity in her customers.

Camellia’s Closet may be opening this month, but the start of the concept began when Rhonda was 16 years old. Studying Fashion Design and Merchandising at Burlington County Institute of Technology, she has a true love of clothing and how the right outfit can make people feel. Camellia is actually Rhonda’s middle name, which means divine and positive. She wants to share those feelings with her customers, inviting them to “browse her closet of clothes” to find the perfect outfit through an uplifting shopping experience.

“I want people to feel good about what they’re wearing,” says Cunningham. “Whether you’re 16 or 80, tell me about your style and we’ll work to make it happen.”

Camellia’s Closet showcases ready-to-wear clothes from casual to elegant; the store features a wide variety of styles in several plus sizes. Also on sale is handmade pure soap, lotions, essential hair serum, pure oil, and shampoo and conditioner.

“I want to give people a little bit of everything in one spot,” explains Rhonda. “I can help you put an outfit together that isn’t expensive, but you’ll look and feel like a million bucks.”

The 1,000-square foot retail space also has fitting rooms and a lounge where customers can have a cup of tea and relax.

“I want to coming to Camellia’s Closet to be a shopping experience,” says Cunningham. “We have a great space to hold events, like wine and cheese tastings and painting classes. It’s also perfect for showers and small parties.

“Come into my closet, just be you, and let Camellia bring out the beauty that’s true.”

Camellia’s Closet is located at 19 W. Park Ave., left store front, in Merchantville. Closet.com or call (856) 333-6167. For more information, visit Camellias-



Pennsauken’s Rhonda Cunningham is opening Camellia’s Closet, a new fashion boutique, later this month.

Pennsauken’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt Held On March 24

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favorite, long-eared celebrity.”

There will be three separate egg hunts broken down by age groups. Each hunt will feature special golden eggs. A child that collects one of these golden eggs will win a free Easter gift basket donated by Kiddie Junction.

In addition, family members should bring their cameras or cell phones to take free pictures with the Easter Bunny, who will be in attendance throughout

the event.

Children should be at the sports complex no later than 9:45 a.m. The egg hunts start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end fairly quickly. The event is usually over within a half hour. In addition, participants should bring a bag, basket, or other container to store their eggs.

The rain date for the event is Saturday, March 31. For more information, call 856-665-1000 x151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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the Youth Services Department!

Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina this month for a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. This is perfect for families with small children up to age 5. Sto-

rytime begins at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Parents can also bring their toddlers, ages 3-5, on Friday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 27, for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. Toddler Movement begins at 11:00 a.m.; and Baby Ballet starts at 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy night time story fun during Pajama Storytime! Held on Monday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m., families can bring their small children up to age 5 for book reading right before bed; and they can even wear their PJ's!

There's a lot more to come in the next few weeks! Stop by the Youth Services Department to learn about this month's Mad Science Show, LEGO Club, Tail Waggin' Tutors, and Maker Day. And mark your calendars: we're planning a big week of family programming for spring break, April 2-6! It's all happening at the Library, so don't miss out!

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Sunday, April 1, for Easter Weekend.

March Library Events

- **Yoga:** For Beginners and Experienced Adults—Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Hosted by the Friends of the Pennsauken Library, the instructor is Bridgid Brennan. Should there be a cancellation due to inclement weather, the make-up date will be March 29.
- **AARP Tax Help**—Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 1–29; 1:00–4:00 p.m. Counselors will be preparing taxes in the Library Community Room on Wednesdays and Thursdays until April 12. In order to reduce waiting time and limit confusion, it is recommended that you call for an appointment as soon as possible at (856) 477-3342. Leave your name and phone number and an AARP representative will get back with you to set up an appointment. Please note the following documents are required: last year's tax return, photo identification, and social security card. Please do not call the Library to schedule an appointment.
- **Blind Date with a Book Raffle Selection**—Friday, March 2; noon. If you checked out a "blind date" from our display during the month of February and filled out and submitted a "rate your date" card, then you are in the running for winning this "sweet" raffle!

- **FREE Concert** by the Westmont Philharmonic Accordion Orchestra—Saturday, March 10; 11:00 a.m. This concert is sponsored by The Friends of the Pennsauken Library.
- **Library Board Meeting**—Monday, March 12; 6:30 p.m. The governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month, the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- **Annual Friends of the Pennsauken Library Membership Meeting**—Sunday, March 18; 1:30 p.m. The Friends' annual membership meeting for lifetime and 2018 members. Refreshments will be available.
- **Munch and a Movie**—Tuesday, March 20; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Pennsauken Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.
- **Mixed Media Book Club**—Wednesday, March 27, 6:00–7:00 p.m. This book club meets the last Wednesday of the month. It is open to 18 to 24 year-olds. We read diverse books and transform them into art. Come join us for a literary and artistic experience.

Pennsauken Native's Book, "Breathing Room" Available For Free

Pennsauken native Steven Lange is making his novel, "Breathing Room" available for free as a way to raise awareness about chronic illnesses.

"Many families fight living with an invisible chronic illness every day. Many wish their loved ones could see what they are feeling," explains

Lange via social media. "To that end, I have decided to make my novel available for free in order to raise awareness. This is my family's story. I hope that you will enjoy the read, and gain a fresh insight into life with chronic illness."

"Breathing Room" is set in and around 1970s Pennsauken. It is the story of the Christopher family, including Brandon Christopher, Lange's fictional alter ego. The Christopher's problems were the same problems faced by Lange and his family. Lange talks about years of living in what he refers to as "crisis



mode," bouncing from one emergency to the next. This outlook affected him for years. By his own admission, he lived in this "crisis mode" until well into his adulthood. Lange credits the novel writing process for helping him to move beyond "crisis mode," as well as helping him come to terms with the events of his childhood.

Lange tries to present the past realistically, both in terms of location and tone. He balances the "crisis mode" events with some of the lighter elements of growing up as part of a large family in the Seventies. He even explains the meaning of the title of his novel. "'Breathing Room' is that haven of respite that we look for, found between the pains of our past and an uncertain future."

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GOING GREEN Preparing For The Growing Season

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

Spring is my favorite time of year, a time of rebirth and renewal. In our area, temperatures tend to roller coaster, with highs for each day fluctuating by 20 degrees or more. Warm days are the perfect time to get some fresh air, sunshine, and clean out the flower beds to prepare for the coming growing season. The cold, rainy days are for recuperating.

First, remove dead leaves that have accumulated in the flower beds over the winter, and any weeds that are beginning to grow. Weeds are one of the first things out of the ground, so don't let them take over the garden and steal nutrients from your other plants. Spring bulbs such as snow drops, crocuses, hyacinths, and daffodils should be poking their leaves out of the ground, and beginning to bud. If they haven't been fertilized recently, they would benefit from bone meal sprinkled around the surface of the soil and lightly scratched into the top, without damming

the new green leaves.

Next, grab the pruning shears and loppers. Pruning trees while dormant is an easy way to see their shape before they leaf out. Be careful not to prune any spring blooming trees or shrubs that haven't bloomed yet, such as rhododendrons, azaleas, cherry trees, and eastern red buds (my favorite native tree).

Follow the "three Ds," dead, damaged and diseased, and design. Step one: prune dead branches. The way to determine between dead and dormant is dead stems will be shriveled, dark brown or even black. Dormant stems will still be plump and may have leaf buds waiting to open. If unsure, lightly scratch the surface of the stem. If green, it's alive; brown is dead. Step two: look for branches that have snapped over the winter, from winds or animals playing among them. Broken branches hanging can let insects and disease into the healthy part of the stem; or if large, they can fall and hurt someone. Look for signs of disease, lesions, or insect

gall. Carefully remove these affected branches and dispose of them. Do not compost diseased branches or leaves, as they can spread the pathogen. Step three: step back and look at the tree shape. The objective is to prune to a pleasing shape, with an open crown for air circulation. Look for branches growing toward the center of the tree rather than outward. Also, look for branches that cross and rub together. These should be pruned. For mature trees near the sidewalk or street, prune branches lower than 6 feet. This is referred to as "limbing up," to enable folks walking underneath and enhance their shape and beauty. Crepe myrtles are upright and fast growing, and require additional pruning to keep them in check in a small yard. However, please don't commit crepe murder by severely pruning down to a few feet. The affect will not be pleasing, will cause the tree to branch out everywhere, and take years to recover.

Once done, step back and enjoy the show. Happy spring!

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FOODADVENTURES Getting Your Daily Caffeine Infusion From Your Favorite Local Spots

By Rachael Shugars,
AAP Columnist

Jitter juice. Rocket fuel. Liquid energy. It goes by many names, but the most common is just plain coffee. March is National Caffeine Awareness month, a time to enjoy and appreciate all things caffeinated: coffee, tea, beer and CHOCOLATE! This stuff isn't just meant to give you a boost either. Aside from its perky, energy-infused side effects when consumed or applied, it offers so many other health and food related bonuses.

This little berry comes from simple beginnings. An Ethiopian goat herder was said to have seen his goats frolicking with a lot more energy than usual after

eating the berries. He decided to try this strange new discovery and realized that he felt just as invigorated. From there, coffee use and consumption blossomed. Today, 40 percent of the world's coffee comes from South America, especially Brazil and Columbia. In total, there are also about 100 different species of the beloved bean. FUN FACT: The world's most expensive coffee costs around \$600 and come from the "excretions" of a wild jungle cat called the Kopi Luwak.

In the world of beauty products, coffee has been used in cream and makeup for years, because the antioxidants have an anti-aging effect on the skin. There are even spa treatments that use coffee. And in the world of medicine, there have been

research studies on the curative properties of coffee in treating type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's, and certain types of cancer.

In Pennsauken, there are more places to grab a "Cup o' Joe" than I can count. We're lucky enough to live in the Northeast where Wawa reigns supreme, so getting your caffeine fix is easy. They even offer special brews throughout the year. Pennsauken is also home to Lacas Coffee Company, located at 7950 National Hwy. You can purchase their great coffee online by visiting <https://www.lacas-coffee.com>. For non-coffee drinkers, Lacas does offer tea as well.

Beer in coffee has evolved over the last 10 years or so. There are so many different variations available today in coffee stouts alone. Any liquor store in

Pennsauken offers a selection of brews with caffeine in them. Local breweries Double Nickel Brewing Company, 1585 Rt. 73, and Eclipse Brewing, 25 East Park Ave., also offer their own take on stouts. In fact, Eclipse has several: Russian Imperial Stout, Irish Stout and Stout in Nitro (less bubbly).

For the chocolate lovers out there, companies like Endangered Species Chocolate make chocolate bars with all sorts of ingredients (including espresso beans) that not only taste amazing but are made with the highest standards and premium ingredients. AND they are gluten-free, vegan friendly, and contribute 10 percent of their net sales to animal and world charities. The CVS at 7500 Maple Ave. carries these bars.

They'll set you back around \$3, but it's for a good cause and it's CHOCOLATE! Giving never tasted so good.

So Pennsauken Food Adventurers, raise your coffee mugs, your tea cups (pinkies out), and unwrap your chocolate bars. Let's spend this month celebrating this versatile little seed! "Coffee, a liquid hug for your brain." Your body will enjoy it too.

Find more local food content by liking "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" on Facebook. Have some suggestions/requests/ideas for my next adventure? E-mail foodadventure-spennsauken@gmail.com. Shout out to Coffee.org, FoodInsight.org, MedicalNewsToday.com and RD.com for their articles on this caffeinated subject.



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All Around Pennsauken Launches Weekly Roundup Live Video On Facebook

All Around Pennsauken has started a brand new feature for our followers on Facebook: the AAP Weekly Roundup! Each Friday, All Around Pennsauken editor Frank Sinatra holds a live Facebook video highlighting some of the week's happenings and letting you know about upcoming events in and around town.

"We post a lot online stories in be-

tween print editions, but these live videos help us interact with our readers in a brand new way," says Sinatra. "We hope that our Facebook fans join us for a unique way to get local news."

The AAP Weekly Roundup occurs every Friday around noon. To view a new weekly installment, or to watch past videos, visit www.facebook.com/AllAroundPennsauken.

It's Time To Play "Pennsaukenopoly!"



The "Pennsaukenopoly" is a fun, competitive game for the whole family. All proceeds from the sale of the game will go to local charitable initiatives.

In conjunction with the town's 125th anniversary last year, Pennsauken has created "Pennsaukenopoly," a special keepsake board game.

"Visit" some of the great places and businesses in Pennsauken and enjoy a fun, competitive game for the whole family.

Games are just \$30 and all proceeds from the sale of "Pennsaukenopoly" will go to support local charitable initiatives. Currently, over \$1,000 has been raised to help those in need.

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Kiddie Junction Celebrates Quarter Century Of Serving Children

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In 1993, Sandy McDonald was a single mom, moving back to New Jersey to be closer to her parents. While she looked for a job in the banking industry, she realized how hard it was to find child care for her one-year-old daughter.

"I couldn't find a place where I could leave my daughter. I was sitting at the dinner table with my parents and thought aloud that I could do it so much better," explains McDonald. "My dad said, 'Then why don't you?' That's how it all started."

Kiddie Junction Childcare and Preschool Center first opened its doors in Berlin, initially run by Sandy, her parents, and brother. Her second husband bought out McDonald's parents. After separating, McDonald set up shop in Pennsauken as an independent location in 2009.

"Part of our business strategy was to own the property," says Sandy. "We had looked in Pennsauken two years prior. We liked the location because we like to cater to people in the community. Pennsauken has a real 'hometown' feel.

It reminds me a lot of where I grew up as a child."

Kiddie Junction strives to be part of the community, raising funds for Almost Home Animal Shelter and donating gift baskets for Pennsauken's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

"It's important to interact with the community," says Sandy.

And as for Erica, Sandy's daughter and Kiddie Junction's first client, she now serves as the director of the Pennsauken location.

"It's funny. I never thought I would be part of the business," says Erica. "I got out of school and every college graduate needs a job. You come here and fall in love with the kids. Finally, it just fit. No one cares as much as family."

That's the approach that Sandy and Erica take when working with their little clients.

"We're unique in what we offer," adds Sandy. "Even though it's a school setting, Kiddie Junction offers a home-type atmosphere. We train our staff to treat these children as they are their own."



Kiddie Junction Childcare and Preschool Center is celebrating 25 years in business, serving the South Jersey community. Sandy McDonald and Erica Curry run the day care's Pennsauken location.

Kiddie Junction Childcare and Preschool Center is located at 8992 Collins Ave. in Pennsauken, right off of Hadsonfield Rd. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (856) 662-0789.

PHS Performs "Pippin" continued from page 1

explains Brown.

Freshman Jenairy Gonzalez, who took part in several musicals at the Intermediate School, is playing the role of Catherine, the widowed farm owner who takes an interest in the lead character.

"It's exciting," says Gonzalez. "Catherine is confused most of the time and that's basically me. I'm looking forward to being on stage for my first high school musical."

And while "Pippin" is a new experience for many cast members, it is also the swan song of talented PHS senior Niambi Fetlow. She plays the mysterious Lead Player of the performance troupe.

"I like the music and the overall vibe of the show and that it's free in a sense," says Fetlow, who has used her experi-

ences on Pennsauken's stage to gain roles for shows at various theater companies in South Jersey. "After doing shows at the high school, I know that a career in the theater is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

"Pippin" will be performed at Pennsauken High School's auditorium, located at 800 Hylton Rd. The shows on March 15-17 begin at 7:00 p.m. There is a matinee on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for "Pippin" at Pennsauken High School are just \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group tickets rates are available and tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. For more information, or to buy tickets in advance, call (856) 662-8500 x5273.



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PUBLICWORKS Leaving Winter Behind, Preparing For Spring

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

To begin a typical late-winter article, I'd normally be reporting that our township roads have taken a beating these past few months. Although there are some areas that our road patch crew will be addressing when weather permits, the temporary warm-ups followed by light snowfall in February lead us into pothole season.

Potholes are a common occurrence in our part of the country. The extreme cold of our winters and the unbearable heat of the summer cause weaknesses in our asphalt roads. When water infiltrates the

asphalt and gets into the "base" layer below, the water will freeze and thaw, causing the road to heave up or sink down. Apply a vehicle weighing a couple thousand pounds and the asphalt gives out. Our town's Public Works Department has a patch crew that addresses potholes on township roads. You may notice our crew filling a pothole with temporary "fill" dirt. This is usually done to remedy the safety concern of the pothole during weather that may compromise our permanent patch or when temperatures are too low that our asphalt supplier is closed.

You may have noticed I've used the

term "township roads." This is because Pennsauken Township's Department of Public Works is only responsible for those roads. Camden County is responsible for the upkeep – such as snow removal and repairs – of county roads that pass through our area; and likewise, the state department of transportation for the various highways that flow through our town. If you spot a road condition that could use some attention, simply report it. Your call to (856) 663-0178 or e-mail to public-works@twp.pennsauken.nj.us is a one-stop shop for any reporting of poor road conditions. We will notify the proper agency with the claim. For a current list of county roads in Pennsauken Township and some answers to Frequently Asked questions about potholes, visit the Department of Public Works link on the township website: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/public-works.

Springtime is a chance for all of us to

help Pennsauken "bloom." During this time, you can count on the crews at your Public Works Department to get our parks, playgrounds and athletic fields in top shape for fair-weather activities. Whether it's inspecting playground equipment, replacing playground mulch, or placing new trash and recycling containers, spring is a busy time.

Public Works can also help you with your gardening; pick up free compost material from the Pennsauken Municipal Pool parking lot on River Rd. The compost is available all year long, with a mid-summer replenishment from our Park Ave. Compost Facility.

Wednesday will continue to be the town-wide yard debris pickup day. This is a great way to dispose of branches that may have fallen over the winter because of wind or heavy snow weighing down. We kindly remind you to bundle sticks and branches in lengths three feet or less and

not weighing more than fifty 50 pounds.

Off Season Project Report

We set-out in January to clear the brush/overgrowth and debris from illegal dumping along the abandoned railroad bed that runs along Chestnut Ave. between 36th and 43rd streets. To date, we have cleared all overgrowth from the road's edge to the rail bed. We removed 1430-yard dumpsters worth of wood debris, dumped building materials, and various piles of trash that had collected for decades. I would be remiss if I didn't point out the teamwork of our Public Works staff. This was a much larger project, both in scope and size, than what my guys are typically exposed to; they rose to the occasion, facing this head-on without accidents or injuries. With most of the brush eliminated, we then moved to The Pit at the end of Burwood Ave. in the Bloomfield section to clear similar overgrowth along the park's perimeter. Another cleared area is at the dead end of the 400 block of Springfield Ave. against the active railroad retaining wall. It will be finished in a condition that allows for regular cutting in the growing season.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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There are no "trash holidays" during the month of March. Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, remain on a regular schedule.

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is holding a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Cherry Hill Public Works Complex, 1 Perina Boulevard, Cherry Hill, N.J. For a list of what individuals can and cannot bring, visit www.camdencounty.com/event/free-household-hazardous-waste-collection/what-to-bring/.

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School District Bond Referendum Comes To A Vote March 13

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Public Schools," says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken School District. "In addition, we want to increase the availability of athletic programs offered to our students; we also want to be competitive amongst all schools in South Jersey."

These projects will impact every part of the District, including new security vestibules at all schools; capital improvements to elementary schools with new windows and doors; the establishment of all-day pre-school; the demolition of an aging Longfellow Elementary and the erection of a comprehensive community park and playground in the school's old footprint; the addition of three new science labs and six additional classrooms at Phifer Middle School; the transformation of Roosevelt Elementary into a high-tech magnet high school, with the addition of a brand new gymnasium; and extensive renovations at Pennsauken High School, with improvements being made to the auditorium, library, locker rooms, and gymnasium; and construction of a plumbing lab. The proposal also adds significant improvements to the high school that will benefit the student-athlete. Plans call for the building of a brand new, state-of-the-art field house, new tennis courts, and an all purpose turf

field, lights, and an eight-lane track.

"These changes will allow the Pennsauken School District to be a true powerhouse, providing a wide variety of opportunities for our students," adds Tarchichi.

The timing of this referendum couldn't be more beneficial, according to District officials. With the retirement of the bond debt from the building of Fine, Delair, and Intermediate schools, the proposed bond referendum will actually reduce school taxes. For example, a resident with an assessed home of approximately \$140,000 will see a reduction of \$11.06; these savings take into account both the comprehensive improvements and the District's regular operating budget.

Public Meetings Held March 6-8

For the past several months, the District has been holding a variety of community events to share information about what the Bond Referendum means to the future of Pennsauken schools and to answer residents' questions so they can make an informed decision. As part of the final push, there will be several public meetings prior to the bond referendum vote.

A "Chat and Chew" event at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., will be on Tuesday,

March 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members of the public unable to attend an evening meeting can take this opportunity to learn about the upcoming referendum vote and ask questions.

There will also be a public meeting held on Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Park Avenue Campus, 8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken. This presentation will go over the entire referendum with a particular focus on the improvements slated for the Intermediate School and Howard M. Phifer Middle School.

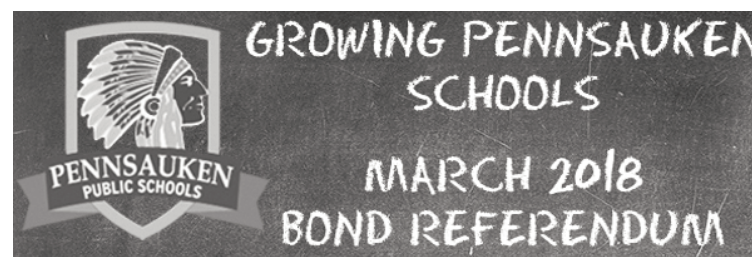
Finally, there will be a public meeting at the Homestead Youth Association, 4771 Willow Ave., on Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m.

March 13 Voting Details

Polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Residents will vote in the same places they would for a general election. A list of polling locations can be found on page 13 of this edition. You can also locate your polling place by visiting <https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/PollPlace/PollPlaceSearch.jsp>.

Ultimately, how residents vote is up to them. There is just one question that requires a vote of either "yes" or "no."

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

In addition to the return of spring – finally – there's a lot going on elsewhere with the Friends that you'll want to get in on.

First off, there are four free yoga sessions to help everyone limber up and get in shape for the new season. They'll be held the first four Thursdays in March – the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd – from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. All levels of yoga practitioners are welcome, pros and newcomers alike, so just bring your mat or use one of ours, dress comfortably, and get ready for some stretching and relaxation.

Squeeze In A Free Concert

Also in March, you'll want to attend our amazing free concert from the Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra (WPAO) on Saturday, March 10, from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Community Room. WPAO is a classical symphonic orchestra made up of 10 highly-accomplished accordionists. With Stanley Darrow as its principal conductor, WPAO features virtuoso artists and guest conductors from around the world, and its concerts have been enjoyed throughout New Jersey, the United States and Europe. The harmonies and musical expertise of the members combine to create a chamber

ensemble experience. The orchestra's diverse repertoire ranges from classical to contemporary, and their March 10 performance will take the audience on a worldwide tour by representing regions of Europe and Asia that include pieces such as "Irish Suite – Reel and Jig" by Seiber; "Hungarian Dance #5 & #6" by Brahms; "The Italian in Algeria" by Rossini; "In the Mountains of Central Asia" by Borodin; "Santander" by Leutwiler; and "Kalif of Bagdad" by Boieldieu. The concert will end with a spirited performance of "Latina" by Bencriscutto, a composition originally written for a marching band. So come out and prepare to be spellbound!

Membership Meeting On March 18

The Friends' annual membership meeting for lifetime and 2018 members comes up on Sunday, March 18, 1:30 p.m. If you'd like to become a member ahead of our April 1 annual membership drive kick-off and help the Friends continue to support the Pennsauken Free Public Library, you'll be able to purchase a membership right at the door! We'll be serving light refreshments and showing the highlights of all the activities we've sponsored throughout 2017 and the innovative library additions we helped to provide. We'll also be highlighting future events – speakers, workshops, movies, sales, contests and more – that we're planning for the rest

of the year. Hope to see you there!

Munch And A Movie On March 20

Our monthly installment of the ever-popular Munch and a Movie comes up Tuesday, March 20, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room. For those of you who don't yet know the drill, you bring your lunch and we'll supply the snacks, beverages and, of course, movie. And since we're not allowed to divulge the name of the film, you can choose to be surprised when you show up, or call the circulation desk to find out what's playing. Either way, get ready to enjoy a pleasant few hours.

April Highlights

The Friends' annual art show and sale begins on April 22. Artists' submissions will be due on April 19 and 20; flyers are available at the Library's lobby desk with the entry form and other information on the types of media acceptable, sizes, mounting instructions, etc.

In addition to the amazing artwork on display, there will be several workshops offered during "Art Week," including drawing classes, a picture framing Q&A, an opportunity to make your own fabric gift bag, and more. Additional details will be provided next month.

Also in April, we'll be accepting poems for our annual poetry contest, which is open to all residents of

Pennsauken and Merchantville. Information flyers explaining various ages and categories, type of poems, etc. are now available at the Library's lobby desk. All entries must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, either in person or by mail to Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library Poetry Contest, 5605 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. All entries must

be original and applicants cannot have won in the previous two years. Winners must attend the awards reception on Wednesday, May 16.

More details about April's events will be shared next month. In the meantime, our next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Library's Community Room. You're invited to join us!

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Upcoming Events For Pennsauken Lions Club

By Mary Anne McFarland,
Pennsauken Lions Club

At their January meeting, the Pennsauken Lions Club worked out their calendar for 2018. During the next few months, the Lions will be out in the community for a variety of events.

The Lions Club will have a table at the upcoming wellness fair, held at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., on Sunday, March 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Members of the Lions Club will be on hand to discuss the health initiatives supported by the organization, as well as share information on membership opportunities.

On Monday, March 26, the Lions will hold their annual membership open house at the home of Lion Sharon Rush.

The open house is a great night of fantastic food, including a raw bar provided by Joe DiAmore of Steak 38. It is a terrific night of camaraderie and a great way for anyone interested in learning more about the Lions to attend and meet club members in a casual setting. If you are interested, RSVP to Sharon at (856) 665-1722.

On Sunday, April 15, file your taxes and then come out for a delicious breakfast at Macaro's Catering, 6225 Westfield Ave. Breakfast will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and feature all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, as well as "design your own omelet" stations.



There will also be a basket auction, which will include gift cards for area restaurants, and assorted prizes. The cost of this event is just \$10 per person.

The Lions Club's biannual cigar night will be on Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m., at Steak 38, 515 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, N.J. The cost is \$65.00 per person, and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and two premium cigars. If you are interested in attending, call (856) 662-3838 or (856) 665-1722. Space is limited, so it is first come, first served.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact the Lions by calling (856) 313-7751, or e-mailing Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com.

Woman's Club Holds Annual Spelling Bee

The Woman's Club of Merchantville held its annual spelling bee on Jan. 20 at the Pennsauken Intermediate School. The spelling bee was open to students in fourth and fifth grades from Pennsauken and Merchantville public and private schools, as well as Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Maple Shade.

After several competitive rounds, this year's winners were Devyn Beckley, Pennsauken Intermediate School, first place; Jasmine Thach, Carson School, second place; and Dominic Garofalo, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, third place.

All the participants should be congratulated for their hard work in preparing for the bee and the courage to participate. They are the top spellers in



Dominic Garofalo, Jasmine Thach, and Devyn Beckley were this year's winners of the Woman's Club of Merchantville's annual spelling bee.

their class! The Woman's Club would like to thank the parents, teachers, family members, and friends who came out to support these talented students!

Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries To Area Third Graders



Third graders at Montessori Seeds of Education in Merchantville take a moment to explore their new dictionaries, donated by the Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville.

The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville recently delivered dictionaries

to all of the third grade students in Pennsauken and Merchantville, including all public and private schools. Rotary is a service organization that has as one of its core principles to promote understanding throughout the world. Rotary believes that this can be accomplished through education and promoting literacy.

Even today, as we try to become better informed, we constantly encounter words that we don't fully understand. The dictionary solves that problem.

The Rotary dictionary project focuses on the third grade, as this has been identified as a critical learning year and a key time to instill a lifelong love of reading. Third grade is also when stu-

dents transform from learning to read to reading to learn.

The Rotary Club of Pennsauken-Merchantville meets every Thursday, 12:15 p.m. at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl on Maple Ave. Please feel free to attend any meeting to learn more about our organization. You may also contact the Rotary at PMRotary@yahoo.com or by calling (856) 663-0898.

"Bandstand Diaries" Co-Author Speaks At Woman's Club Meeting

In January, The Woman's Club of Merchantville welcomed Arlene Sullivan, co-author of "Bandstand Diaries: The Philadelphia Years 1956-1963," which highlights personal accounts of the Philadelphia high school regulars on "American Bandstand" from the 50s and 60s. Arlene danced on "American Bandstand" from 1956 to 1960; and along with her partner, Kenny Rossi, were one of the most popular dancing couples on the show.

Sullivan provided insight into the writing of the book and shared that Hollywood has an interest in making a movie. She told stories of her friendship with Annette Funicello, Dick Clark, Paul Anka, and many others. In fact, she still keeps in touch with some of the regulars.

Many of the Woman's Club members attended "American Bandstand;" and



Arlene Sullivan, seen here with Woman's Club members Geri Tabako, Maryann Snyder, Jean Davis, Anita Osmian, Trudy Painter, and Toni Steiner, gave a presentation on "Bandstand Diaries," a book which highlights personal accounts of the Philadelphia high school regulars on "American Bandstand" from the 50s and 60s.

those who did not watched the show regularly. The Woman's Club thanks Arlene for an enjoyable presentation and helping members relive special memories.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pennsauken's Santino Gets Cooking Inspiration From Town's Back Woods

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Bruce Santino grew up in Centennial Walk during the early 90s. As a kid, he used to roam around Pennsauken's woods to play. Today, Santino, who moved across Union Ave. to the Meadowbrook section of town, still heads into the woods, not for play, but to find flavorful ingredients for local professional kitchens, including one right down the road.

Bruce, who went to the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia, was sous chef for Vitarelli's Catering when they operated out of the Pennsauken Country Club, and worked at restaurants such as Forcella's and P Square Lounge, is known for his ability to forage for ingredients, supplying prominent Philadelphia restaurants with edible wild food such as boysenberries, wild raspberries, crab apples and high-end mushrooms like morels, chicken of the woods, and chanterelles. And as the new chef at the Farmhouse in Cherry Hill, he brings those same skills with him to create some spectacular dishes.

"You don't need to cross the bridge for elegant cuisine," explains Santino. "I'm showcasing everything you can get



Pennsauken resident Bruce Santino forages the woods of Pennsauken for fresh wild ingredients to use in his dishes at The Farmhouse in Cherry Hill. Photo credit: FarmhouseCherryHill.com.

in New Jersey. We're the Garden State for a reason."

Santino cooks up American fare, pulling influences from any type of culture. And a good deal of the ingredients

comes from both his backyard and the back woods here in town.

"There are blackberries and wild raspberries, wild garlic leaks, garlic, mustard greens, wild watercress, and black Arkansas apples," explains Bruce. "You see mulberry trees in Pennsauken and no one picks them."

"There's so much pine around here: juniper pine bark, spruce tips. As soon as spring hits, it'll be in demand. It's the ecosystem on your plate."

Bruce enjoys living in town with his wife and growing family – he has a 10-month-old daughter and another child on the way. He also loves the wild bounty that inspires the dishes he creates at The Farmhouse.

"I'm definitely going to stick around and take advantage of natural goods of Pennsauken," says Santino. "I put a lot of thought of what goes into my dishes. It's elegant cuisine with a casual feel. I hope that my neighbors and the Pennsauken community come in to say hi and give it a try."

To see some of the unique menu items Bruce has created for The Farmhouse, visit FarmhouseCherryHill.com.

Pennsauken Fire Department Responds To Waste Truck Fire



Last month, Engine 1132, Ladder 115, Battalion 11 operated in the 8000 block of National Highway on a fire involving a front load waste truck. Thank you to Merchantville and Mt. Ephraim's fire departments for their assistance and move-up. Photo credit: Twitter, @PennsaukenFire.

Please Return Borrowed Wheelchairs

Pennsauken Township offers wheelchairs and walkers for seniors in temporary need of them. Currently, all of these wheelchairs are out. Anyone who has borrowed a wheelchair or walker and is done with them is asked to return them as quickly as possible so that other seniors can use them. The Township is also accepting donations of wheelchairs and walkers in good condition that are no longer in use.

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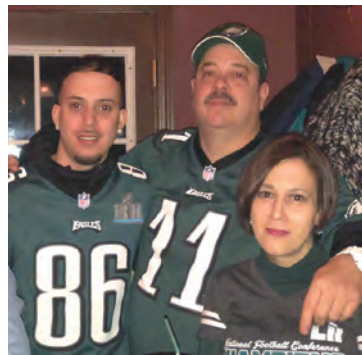
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Pennsauken Celebrates Eagles Super Bowl Win *continued from page 20*

will never forget: the "Philly Special." Nick Foles faked an audible and center Jason Kelce sent a direct snap to running back Corey Clement, who then flicked it to tight end Trey Burton on a reverse. Nick danced into the flat and Trey connected with him in the end zone as easy as pie. And as they say, "The Crowd went wild!" The entire game was a stunner.

The last play of the game had every Eagles fans on their feet, I'm certain of it. Tom Brady's "Hail Mary" attempt for a touchdown, and a two-point conversion to get into overtime; but the golden arm of the Patriots' quarterback couldn't cut it. And those underdogs, our own personal "Rockys," our Philadelphia Eagles became Super Bowl Champions!

Loyal fans stayed frenzied enough for the next four days to make it to the parade, all the way from the Eagles Stadium at Broad and Pattison to The Art Museum's "Rocky" steps on The Ben Franklin Parkway. And I was one of

those loyal and frenzied fans! I had been to the Flyers parade in the 70s and the Sixers parade in the 80s, but this one topped them all! It was a joyous crowd of fans; lots of smiling faces; laughter ringing everywhere; enormous "E-A-G-L-E-S, EAGLES!" chants; singing, hugging, high fiving, dancing, and confetti blown everywhere! People started to line up for the parade the night before and stayed until the last green and silver piece of confetti fell onto Broad Street.

I want to thank The Philadelphia Eagles, Jeff Lurie and company for this stunning and glorious season. The Eagles are an amazing team of players but most of all, an amazing group of people.

We have always had that "Rocky" spirit in our hearts. Quitters we are not. "YO, ADRIAN! WE DID IT!!!"

All Around Pennsauken editor Frank Sinatra contributed to portions of this article.

Scholarships Available For High School Seniors

The Camden County Hero Scholarship is pleased to announce its 2018 Scholarship Program.

Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who have a parent actively serving Camden County, or they themselves serve Camden County in a public safety capacity. One award will be presented in each field of service: law enforcement, fire, and EMS.

A \$1,500 scholarship in memory of Chief Gary R. Cline, Ret., Merchantville Police Department, will be offered to a graduating high school senior pursuing a career in law enforcement.

A \$1,500 scholarship in memory of Chief Gene Dannenfeler, Haddon Heights Fire Department/CC Fire Marshal's Office, Ret., will be offered to a graduating high school senior pursuing a career in a fire service related field.

A \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Cpl. Christopher Milito, Delaware River Port Authority Police Department, will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who has a parent serving in law enforcement at the time of application. This scholarship award is sponsored by DRPA Penn-Jersey Lodge #30 on behalf of the Milito family.

Scholarships are awarded on a one-

time basis for the 2017-2018 academic year. Award criteria include academic performance, community service, extracurricular activities and financial need. The application deadline is March 31, 2018.

Applications are available online at www.camdencountyhero.com, by emailing a request to dawn@camdencountyhero.com, by calling the office at (856) 768-9656, or at the guidance departments of all Camden County high schools.

The Scholarship Committee will review and approve applications impartially with no knowledge of the applicants' identities. All decisions of the selection committee are final.

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Shayla Sweeney Becomes PHS All Time Scoring Leader

Last month, former PHS all-time scoring leader and current boys head coach Al Fisher passed the torch over to the new all-time scoring leader Shayla Sweeney, who took over the title during the Indians' contest against Sterling.



Big Three Basketball Tourney Held On March 9

The Pennsauken School District is hosting its first-ever Big 3 Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 9. Held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the main gym at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., come out and see your favorite

teachers and staff square off in an entertaining three-on-three basketball tournament.

For more information, visit the School District's website, pennsauken.net.

Marc Granieri Voted Assistant Coach Of The Year



Congratulations to PHS Wrestling's Assistant Coach Marc Granieri on being voted as District 26 Assistant Coach of the Year!

PYAA SPORTS

PYAA Softball And Baseball Sign-ups Continue Through March 8

PYAA Softball and Baseball in-person registration will be held Monday through Thursday until March 8 at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. Only Baseball will have additional online registration; Softball sign-ups are only in-person. PYAA Softball and Baseball are open to children living in Pennsauken and Merchantville.

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